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Sir:

**RESPONSE**

In response to the Office Action dated 11/02/2007 finding that applicant has claimed two different patentably distinct species (i.e., neither of which is made "obvious" in view of the other under 35 U.S.C. §103), applicant hereby elects for further substantive examination in the present application the patentably distinct Species B comprising claims 13, 14, 16, 18, 19, 21 and 22.

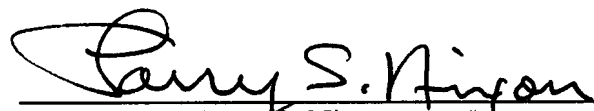
The Examiner's attention is also drawn to the attached IDS and Form PTO-SB/08a.

An early and favorable Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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